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Validine ID System Is Phased In

by Smyth Turner
Newspeak Staff

"All Students Urgent ID Information." Everyone received one of these memos in his/her mailbox at the beginning of the year. Most of them made their way into the trash unread; yet they may have been the most important pieces of "junk" mail students will receive this year.

WPI is looking for ways to improve its efficiency. One route already taken is the rental of the Validine ID system. The changeover was made this summer and new ID's were issued for the fall term.

Mike Kyritsis, WPI's manager of Office Services, said that he is very pleased with the performance of the system. Thus far, he says, there has been no trouble with the system itself and only a small amount with scratched or damaged cards.

The actual issuing of the cards went very smoothly, said Kyritsis. Both students and staff were issued the new ID's in a reasonably short and organized period of time and lines were minimal, he said.

Why the change? What are the advantages of the system?

Kyritsis said it was instituted to "make life of the students easier by obtaining their needs faster and more accurately."

The system is now in use most visibly in

DAKA. It has sped up lines considerably while providing the food service with a much more accurate count, and a better safeguard against students on the five-day meal plan weekend diners.

Other places it is being used is the Pub, for age verification, and the library and health service for student status verification.

The Validine system is expandable and could conceivably be used for almost all aspects of the social and academic life, here at WPI. Its use at sporting events and for ticket reservations for social events could possibly be realized in the future.

Any worries about the "Big Brother Syndrome" should be abandoned, said Kyritsis. Although the machines are hooked into a central computer, no records are kept except for the food service. It is not possible to punch up your name and have a complete dossier of your Pub and library activities.

ID's are now much harder to fake. When you get a second ID the first number is cancelled and a code number added to your social security number saying it is your second or third card.

All things taken into account there is still the age old unanswered question about any ID system. Why does everyone look so bad in his/her picture?



A new ID complete with magnetic strip. (Photo by Jon Waples)



Students wait for their ID's in Harrington. (Photo by Chris Pater)

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Zeta Psi Wins Comstock Trophy

by Dennis R. Whaley

The Comstock Trophy was awarded to the Pi Tau chapter of Zeta Psi fraternity at the 138th International Convention of Zeta Psi in San Francisco.

This award is given to the chapter which strongly works toward the unification of Zeta Psi and has the best overall chapter performance. The Pi Tau chapter accomplished this by journeying to other chapters at the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Illinois at Champaign, the University of Texas at Austin, Tulane University in New Orleans, and the University of Western Ontario. In all, thirty-two chapters and a colony at Harvard University were visited. The chapter also hosted initiations and pledge ceremonies from other chapters such as MIT and Columbia University.

Zeta Psi fraternity currently has fifty-two chapters, eight of which are Canadian.

The Pi Tau Chapter here at WPI will be celebrating its tenth anniversary on April 30, 1986.

Hawkeye Makes Some New Fans at Homecoming Nightclub

by J.S. Goldmeier

Newspeak Staff

In a blaze of light and sound, this year's Homecoming Nightclub opened up with Hawkeye (a last minute replacement for Stonecross, which broke up last week). Coming out in shimmering jackets of silver and gold they started with "Sussudio," "Penny Lover," and "Pop Life." All during their first set, which lasted for an hour, the crowd never left the dance floor.

When Hawkeye took their break, comedian Mike McDonald came onstage to entertain the crowd. His routine consisted of somewhat-funny lokes, and he spent most of his 20-minute act making fun of audience members. At one point he even entered into what one might call a shouting, name-calling match. At the end of his act, which came none too soon, he thanked the audience and left Harrington with remarkable speed.

The disappointment of the entire night came when Homecoming Queen was announced. To the audience's dissatisfaction Brandy, the dog owned by Jim Dunn and nominated by Fiji, did not win. This year's

Homecoming Queen is Susan Morena. Ginger Robins was first runner-up and Nancy Chatis was second runner-up.

Following a short break, filled with piped music, Hawkeye walked on stage for its second set and the crowd went wild. They started with an incredible version of "Fresh," and followed it with "Jungle Love," "Let's Go Crazy," and "Treat Her Like A Lady." To keep the crowd going, they played songs back-to-back, and mixed slower dances after groups of fast ones. In this set they wore white outfits, with reflective silver shirts.

After playing for an hour they walked off to the disappointment of the crowd, so one member walked back on stage. He asked them, "Do you want to party? or do you want to go home?" These questions were asked over and over until the crowd went crazy in the most effective crowd motivation I've ever seen. The band said, "If you want to party, somebody scream!" The screaming became so loud it was heard across the Quad

in Daniels Hall.

When the band ended its show most of the crowd slowly left, though some continued to dance to piped music. The emphasis then shifted to lens and lights, who did a phenomenal job packing up all the equipment and all of the others had to clean up.

In reflection, the crowd was pleased with the band, and they had a good time. Like the crowd, Hawkeye seemed to have a great time. One band member said, "We like to put on a show and have fun at the same time, and it's a lot easier when the crowd is with you." And it was with them this evening. The band members said that they would like to thank the crowd, and that they are looking forward to a return engagement here at WPI.

Homecoming Nightclub for 1985 came off with no major disturbances other than a few fires involving paper and the Alcohol Policy was enforced without on the table. Overall it was a fun incident, and experience for all involved.

Bill Trask Holds Important OGCP Meeting for Seniors

by Jennifer Mellone
Sports Editor

"Welcome to the meat market."

That was OGCP Director William Trask's opening remark at the OGCP meeting for Seniors last Tuesday night. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the class of 1986 to the Office of Graduate and Career Plans. OGCP arranges for recruiters from various companies to visit the school and interview seniors for entry-level positions in their organizations.

Why is the job interviewing process a "meat market?" The recruiters examine a great deal of candidates and hire only top choices.

How do the seniors get interviews? The first step is to register; registration began yesterday at 9:00 a.m. at OGCP. All of the necessary information and materials are issued to each student during the registration period. Students must complete nine job-

interview preference cards, submit fifteen resumes and submit at least two academic recommendations. One should also arrange to obtain an official transcript, which is available from the Registrar's Office for a nominal fee.

Trask suggested that students keep the following points in mind while job-hunting:

1. Take full advantage of OGCP, since it is very difficult to find entry-level positions in the classified ads of newspapers.

2. Contact OGCP even if you are interested in interviewing with a company that does not recruit at WPI. The Placement Office in conjunction with the Alumni Office can refer you to alumni employees in that particular organization.

3. Keep your eye on the OGCP bulletin board because recruiters may cancel interviews on the spur of the moment.

4. Finally, in the "meat market" of interviewing, look and act like a prime-quality standing rib roast!



One hardy bicyclist braves debris-strewn Highland Street as Hurricane Gloria blows through Worcester. (Photo by Jeff Winick)

EDITORIALS

Alumni Ask Parents to Pay for Omni-Mistake

Last week, parents of WPI undergraduates received an insulting request from WPI alumni. The request came in the form of a letter from "Recreational Resources Renovations" (is that a department?, project?, committee?) chairman Raymond J. Forkey ('40). The letter asked parents to make a three-year pledge of \$300 or more to help the new field.

What could he have been thinking of? These families are paying almost \$9000 a year (for tuition alone) while tuition bills have consistently risen; they are in debt. This is not to mention what families with two (or more) tuition bills go through. These families are paying for an education! They can't afford to pay for the Omniturf that many students will never play on.

The letter begins, "Following an extensive study and investigation, a project has been approved which will totally renovate and modernize the existing WPI outdoor athletic facilities." What investigation? Did anyone ask us students? The trustees and the Alumni Association figured out that the best thing for the WPI community was a new field, and they would worry about paying for it later. This was more important than trying to solve problems in the academic departments, such as the increasing student-to-faculty ratio and the lack of needed building space. The letter also states: "From the start, the development and adoption of this plan has represented a team effort on the part of Trustees, administrators and the entire WPI community". What does Mr. Forkey consider to be the WPI community, if not faculty and students? They didn't even consult the people whom their decision affected the most. And the only thing that they asked parents was if they would pay for this mistake.

"Now, a team effort is underway to underwrite the \$2 million construction cost of the project," the letter continues. It seems logical that the 'team' who initiated this project should be the "team" to pay for it!

The letter goes on. "Today, with the implementation of this project, the need for a larger, safer and more easily maintained and repaired outdoor recreational resource is finally being addressed." Safer? Does Mr. Forkey think that the field is safer? Apparently, he hasn't seen the students who use the field limping around campus with the skin torn off their knees and elbows. And the point about easy maintenance of the field is debatable. The field has to be swept, de-stained, cleaned, broomed and watered, and tears must be repaired, as pointed out in an article in the September 4 issue of *Newspeak*.

These people have made an unforgivable mistake, spending someone else's money and not being able to pay it back. They are obviously getting pretty desperate for someone to bail them out. But, it shouldn't and won't be parents. In many cases it can't be.

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SAB Policy Discourages Thrift

The Student Activities Board (SAB) is the organization on campus which is responsible for allocating money to those organizations known as "SAB Clubs." These organizations include sports teams, bands, ethnic and cultural associations, hobby clubs and publications, including *Newspeak* and *Peddler*, and each has one vote on the SAB. Even student government is funded through the SAB. At the end of the school year, each SAB club submits a budget proposal for the following year. The proposals are reviewed by the budget committee then voted upon by the SAB as a whole, and the clubs start the next year with the amounts they were allotted in their accounts.

So far so good. The problem arises at the end of the year. It is the policy of the school and the SAB to "suck down" the unused portions of club budgets, depleting their accounts to zero. The money from this operation is applied to the SAB reserve for the next year; the SAB reserve is drawn upon if clubs run into emergency needs for funds during the year and is used to repair and replace the SAB van as necessary.

The account-clearing policy is an unfortunate one. Although it is wise to have both a reserve for emergencies and a provision for replacing the vans when they wear out, confiscating clubs' funds is not the answer. A club which works very hard throughout the year to raise funds and to spend wisely and still has a large account balance at the end of D-term gets no greater reward than a club which fritters away its budget on parties and picnics and makes no effort to raise money. This injustice is frustrating and demoralizing to the members of hardworking clubs — their effort goes to nothing at the end of the year. Further, it is very difficult under the present arrangement for clubs which have ongoing projects, like *Newspeak* and student government, to carry on their activities with the same effectiveness through the summer and/or at the beginning of the school year: their momentum is lost with their account balances.

The policy of repossessing clubs' budgets is clearly unfair to the clubs. But it also fails to serve the ends of the SAB as a thrifty financial governing body. Clubs know that they will lose their budgets at the end of the year and that one of the considerations in determining their budgets for the following year will be how much of this year's budgets they spent. So it is likely that clubs will spend their money hurriedly and unwisely at the end of the year merely to insure that there is nothing left for the SAB to appropriate and that their budgets next year will remain constant — or even increase — because they can demonstrate need by pointing to the fact that they spent all their money last year. The SAB's policy of reabsorbing budgets **ACTUALLY DISCOURAGES THRIFT** — and the SAB ends up supporting frivolous or inappropriate expenditures designed to eat up money in May.

The Student Activities Board should modify its bylaws to allow clubs to keep the funds they generate during the year. This would result in lower allotments each fall, because clubs would probably have leftover funds in their treasuries and because SAB funds would not be spent just to protect clubs' future budgets.

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In Defense Of Brandy

To the editor:

Recently, the brothers of the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta took it upon themselves to nominate a Homecoming Queen candidate as we have done in many previous years. The Homecoming Queen contest, to the brothers at Fiji, is a popularity contest, not a beauty contest. We also have a lighthearted attitude towards the contest, especially after Ma Fell, the ATO cook, won the Homecoming Queen contest two years ago. Nominating Ma Fell might have started out as a joke, but it brought a lot of positive press to the WPI campus. In light of all this, the brothers nominated Brandy, our unofficial mascot, as our Homecoming Queen candidate.

Nominating the dog was in no way intended as an insult to the female population here at WPI; it was merely a symbol of the lighthearted attitude that we all have towards the contest. Her nomination, to our surprise, was accepted by the Social Committee, as was our five-dollar entrance fee. After Tuesday, the only day we were allowed to vote, it was clear to most everyone that Brandy had won the contest by a considerable margin. It was then, for the first time, that talk had been spread about disqualifying the dog from the contest — rumors that were

then confirmed by the SocComm chairperson. The brothers consider this action totally absurd. What kind of contest is it if one person can turn around and disqualify the winner? And why was she allowed in the contest in the first place? Disqualifying Brandy is also disqualifying the votes of a majority of people who showed up to vote in the first place.

Had Brandy been disqualified in the first place, I'm sure she would have had no hard feelings; she's kind of shy anyway. However, saying no after the fact was in poor judgement. When this was questioned by some member of this chapter, we were told by SocComm that we were immature and that we had no morals.

In conclusion, we would all like to apologize to anyone, male or female, that we offended in the process of nominating Brandy as Homecoming Queen. The brothers would also like to commend the administration, especially President Strauss and Dean Brown, for being so easily accessible in such a short period of time. Brandy is, as of right now (Thursday, September 26), officially withdrawn from the contest. She has expressed absolutely no interest in running for J.P. Queen. Thank you.

-James Dunn ('86)

GDI Replies To Frat Letter

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the article "Frats and SocComm Tyrannous," written by Alan Ditmore, appearing in the September 24 issue of *Newspeak*.

I, too, am a "GDI" as are many of my friends. However, my views concerning fraternities, as well as those of friends who have commented on that article, are quite different from those you present.

First, I believe the power of the press is one of the greatest in this country. The circulation of *Newspeak* on this campus influences many viewpoints.

With power comes responsibility. It is your responsibility to insure that articles appearing in *Newspeak* are not slanderous. I feel that Mr. Ditmore's article was, not only to the fraternity but to us GDIs. He makes us out to be a flock of mindless idiots follow-

ing a divine beer-tap.

While reading your article, Mr. Ditmore, one question became stuck in my mind: "How have you, a self-proclaimed recluse, not to mention having only been for one year, become such an expert on the social activities of WPI?"

I enjoy the addition of social activities that the fraternities bring to this campus. For example, the chariot race on Homecoming has brought much amusement to many in the past years. There are, of course, the parties, which also provide a sometimes-needed diversion from the everyday monotony of academic life.

I am *not* (carefully underlined) enslaved to the fraternities for social life as you indicate that all of us are. They are, in fact, only a portion of the many forms of recreation.

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tion available. This campus, as well as the rest of the city (contrary to poular jokes), has so much to offer; you only have to come out of your room and explore.

In your article, I sense a lot of hatred towards fraternities, one that seems to have stemmed from an intense prejudice. Was it not this same sort of prejudice that created such political entities as Nazism, that you so unmoralistically compared the fraternities to?

I pity you Mr. Ditmore, for if you always present a clenched fist rather than extend an open hand attempting to make friends, you are probably more of a social outcast than a recluse. Through your article you hope to make others feel the same as you . . . lonely.

I encouraged freshmen to look at fraternities and sororities during Rush. You may decide not to join, as I did, or that you would like to. Either way, you can have a lot of fun and have friends that are both GDI's and

Greeks.

Finally, I would hope that the editorial staff of this newspaper more carefully scrutinizes Mr. Ditmore's articles, that he might keep within the bounds of journalistic ethics, so that they do not become a vehicle for his bigotry.

-Matt Vincent ('86)

[Editor's Note: Newspeak does indeed screen slanderous and libelous letters, as is stated in our Letters Policy. Mr. Ditmore submitted the previous week a version of his letter which accused the fraternities of several felonious acts and had no evidence to support his accusations. Newspeak returned the letter unpublished to Mr. Ditmore and set its future policy so that libelous letters are defined as those which accuse a person or persons of illegal actions without responsible evidence to support those accusations.]

Asks Fraternity Member: Is No Social Life Better?

To the Editor:

I would like the opportunity to reply to the letter from Alan Ditmore published in the September 24 issue of *Newspeak*. Mr. Ditmore blames the fraternities and sororities for a lack of political activism by the students of WPI. This is ridiculous. I am sure Mr. Ditmore, as a student, must realize the time constraints placed on students. Many of us find it difficult enough to make room in our busy schedules or a decent night's sleep, let alone find the time to be politically active. This is not to say that we would not like to be politically active, we just don't have the time. If you, Mr. Ditmore, have such an abundance of free time - good for you. I, as a fraternity member, am certainly not going to look down on you for trying to make the world a better place.

This brings that issue addressed by Mr. Ditmore - the fraternity's/sorority's/SocComm's Nazi-like control over the student population. Mr. Ditmore claims that the fraternities, sororities, and SocComm have a social monopoly. Monopoly is defined as exclusive control over a commodity - in this instance, social activities. Well, Mr. Ditmore, the truth of the matter is that you, too, could in fact have your very own social event right in your own apartment. Unfortunately, unless you have a very large apartment, there are still some 2350 students who would like to go out and have a good time on the weekends. This is where the fraternities, sororities, and SocComm come in. Is it a crime to provide students with a much-needed distraction from the intense pressure this school puts on students - to provide a release valve so students can blow off some steam? Perhaps Mr. Ditmore would be happier if there were no social life on this campus.

I get the impression from his letter that

Student Issues Challenge

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the letter by Alan Ditmore in Volume 13, Number 17 of *Newspeak*. Article VI of the Bill of Rights states that a person has the

right to face his or her accusers. I therefore challenge Mr. Alan Ditmore to a formal debate on the question of fraternity/sorority tyranny.

Jeffrey P. Klofft ('86)

Writer's Views on Frats Labeled "Ridiculous"

To the Editor:

In last week's issue of *Newspeak* was an article by Alan Ditmore entitled "Frats and SocComm 'Tyrannous': A Warning to the Class of '89." Its major points were as follows:

- 1) Fraternities in conjunction with SocComm control most of the social activities at WPI.
- 2) Fraternities dictate student dress.
- 3) Fraternities censor most protests against them by their ability to turn friends and student opinion against any protester.
- 4) Fraternities enforce silence and conformity in adults.
- 5) Mr. Ditmore is magically immune from these fraternity related evils as a consequence of his development of self-reliance and the social independence he acquired in North Ontario.

Mr. Ditmore, since you made such a blatant and, I believe, ludicrous attack on this college's fraternities, it is my intention to

blatantly attack your position. I will attempt to show that your views are ridiculous by examining each of them closely.

Let's take the first point. You say that the frats have control over WPI activities. Where? Did you receive one of those yellow, A-term calendars in the mail? If you did, then take a look at the social events listed. The first one I see was on August 28. This was the WPI Tonight Show with host Tom Parks. Are we to understand the fraternities infiltrated this little gathering, subverted Tom Parks and directed the whole event in a manner such that fraternity dress codes and morals were imposed upon the entire freshman class? Choose another date. Okay, September 3. See where it says "Cinematheque Film Series presents *And the Ship Sails On?*" Big fraternity influence there too I guess. How about the Lip Synch/Air Band Contest on September 14? Rumor has it that not

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A Reply to "Tyrannous"

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on a very caustic letter written by Alan Ditmore entitled "Frats and SocComm 'Tyrannous': A Warning to the Class of '89." There are some accusations and points made that not only have no factual basis behind them, but indicate the article was written by a bitter student.

First of all Mr. Ditmore made the point that the peer pressure caused by fraternities is so strong that it is "more powerful than the leverage of state and local law enforcement because the threat of social exclusion is far more real and immediate than the threat of prison." If people that go to fraternity parties really were asked to do activities that carried the immediate threat of prison, how many people would go? Who would be willing to risk being expelled, having a career ruined and a chance of being killed or raped over a fraternity event?

Secondly, he says "Powerful institutions such as fraternities are easily capable of using their influence to enforce silence and conformity in adults much the same way that adults are capable of manipulating children." Does anybody at this institution truly believe that fraternities here have the power to enforce their will on such intelligent minds as those of WPI's administrators and the professors? This is what Mr. Ditmore insinuates in his article. Next he wrote "From Bermuda shorts and boat shoes to beer parties and hazing, they have a great deal of power over the students of WPI and Becker. As to the extent of the misuse of their power I only state my belief in an old American principle, that absolute power corrupts absolutely." First of all only a small percentage of fraternity members wear "Bermuda shorts and boat shoes;" this is just one of the generalizations Mr. Ditmore made. If he was more aware of fraternities he'd realize that there is NO ONE STYLE of dress or personality that is

promoted. As for the idea that absolute power corrupts absolutely, if fraternities had absolute power why would fraternities let themselves be subjected to regulations which they must obey?

There are a few other questions that Mr. Ditmore leaves unanswered. If fraternities are trying to make everyone conform to what they feel is 'cool' why wouldn't students from Assumption, Clark, Holy Cross, Boston College, Mt. Holyoke, and other colleges notice and feel this threat? Or are the fraternities so powerful that they control these campuses too?

Another point is: how can the fraternities as a whole enforce their will when, as anybody who has a clue knows, there are some very intense rivalries between various houses that prevent them from enforcing 'their' will upon this and Becker's campus?

Next, if the Greek system and SocComm are as close as Mr. Ditmore would like us to believe, how come a relatively small amount of fraternity and sorority members attend SocComm events? Is it because they don't want the WPI community to become aware of their association? Or, more realistically, is it because SocComm and the Greek system are not working together trying to enforce their social norms?!

Another question that comes to mind is: how can any person who states "It was only by staying almost completely outside the social life at WPI that I have been able to keep myself outside fraternity social control" be so aware and knowledgeable about what fraternities or any group of sociable adults are trying to do? Or is this statement an indication that Mr. Ditmore doesn't much of a social life and is trying to mar WPI fraternities who know how to provide entertainment and enjoyment for themselves, this campus and other colleges?

Ed Nowak ('86)

To the Class of '89: To Be A Fraternity Member or Not—You Decide

In last week's issue of *Newspeak*, a column appeared warning the class of 1989 of the "control the fraternities and social committee exhibit over the WPI and Becker Campus". "Being a fraternity member myself and now president of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), I will say that last week's article was a highly superficial treatment of a viable fraternity system here at WPI.

When I entered WPI as a freshman in the fall of 1982, I was dead set against joining any fraternity. The main reason I felt this way was because of the thought of being "hazed" and the movie *Animal House* (which, by the way, was the worst possible exposure for the national fraternity system). I thought all a fraternity was for was drinking and picking up girls. Given a couple of weeks at school, though, I sure changed my attitude.

Every fraternity is different in its own way. I joined Sigma Phi Epsilon because the people at the fraternity and the freshmen rushing the house were very compatible with my own personality. I made a decision then that "these are the type of people I want to be friends with."

In a broader aspect, I looked at the fraternity as to how I was to benefit by joining. Freshman year is very trying for many people. The transition from high school to college is tough. I knew there would be people there to help me with any schoolwork or personal problems I might have. Also when I joined I was welcomed into a "very special" family of about 70 brothers who I knew would be there when I needed them. For me, the fraternity was a much-needed "home away from home."

To say that a fraternity "has a long standing tradition of destroying independent thought," which was published in last week's article, can only be made by a person who is TOTALLY IGNORANT of the WPI fraternity system. A fraternity dies if independent thoughts are not expressed. An example of this is Theta Chi. About six years ago, the pledge class of Theta Chi was being hazed by the brothers. The pledge class took a stand, as a group, on this issue and told brothers that if the pledge program were not changed they would all depledge. The program was changed, and today Theta Chi is

one of the leading fraternities on this campus. In this sense, a fraternity thrives on independent thought, which is encouraged in all fraternities.

Hazing will always be an item to talk about as long as there are fraternities. Hazing is a very vague term that is interpreted differently on different occasions. Your student handbook gives an excellent section on hazing and should be read by all prospective rushees. The IFC prohibits hazing in any way, shape, or form. But what exactly is hazing? - You decide. If you join a house, read your handbook and decide for yourself if you are being hazed. If you feel you are being hazed, I strongly urge that you first talk to your fraternity's pledge trainer and secondly call on me and the rest of the IFC. This could result in severe sanctions to the fraternity in question. This is an area where the IFC has to be the strictest so that our system can survive.

The author of last week's article stated "that fraternities along with the social committee control all social functions." This statement is absolutely true. I now put this question to all members of the WPI community. If there were no fraternity parties or SocComm-sponsored events on campus, what would you do for social activity? In this aspect, I should think that a great deal of thanks is due to SocComm and fraternities for providing the social outlet needed from the arduous workload at WPI! In closing, I would like to extend a sincere welcome to all freshmen to visit all fraternities and DECIDE FOR YOURSELF if the Greek system is for you. If you have ANY questions about the fraternity system and want to talk with someone, please don't hesitate to look me up and give me a call.

I have one last point regarding last week's article. Everyone is entitled to free speech and use of the press as stated in the U.S. Constitution, which is why I am writing this article. However, criticizing a system which a person has no direct contact with, having no knowledge of its internal and external operations and beliefs, is just not smart. A person should be well informed of the facts before making unfounded accusations.

Mike Gonsor ('86)

IFC President

LETTERS

... Writer's View

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only did the frats organize this little event, but they also are making such a performance a prerequisite to getting into one of their always-destructive parties. Oh wait. Let's not forget the Greek Weekend on September 7. Fraternity control seems overpowering here. It definitely should have been handled by the CS department. Your second point, Mr. Ditmore, is that the frats dictate student dress. Now what is typical fratwear these days? Certainly it must include the standard frat jacket with appropriate frat name written on the back and appropriate frat colors. Do you think we should include sweat pants too? That seems to be a popular frat garment. Let's even give them some jeans, tee-shirts, sneakers, dock siders but no formal shoes. Of course, we will not fail to include the classic Bermuda shorts that you so prominently mentioned in your article. So, Mr. Ditmore, according to you everyone at WPI wears some combination of these items every day in accordance with the unwritten frat law of coolness in dress. Mr. Ditmore, do you own and wear a combination of these garments at any time during the day? Are we to understand that your wardrobe consists entirely of Wally Cleaver clothes? The point is this: the clothes mentioned above (excluding frat jackets and maybe the Bermuda shorts) are practical, affordable and comfortable. If for some reason Greekwear demanded using burlap as a material, rest assured that the majority of the people would still wear what was comfortable. Some of us do have minds, although, Mr. Ditmore, it seems you believe that they are controlled by

the frats. This brings us to point three.

You suggest that frats censor protest against them by turning the student body's opinion against any protester. How do they do this? You do mention that this ability somehow arises out of the frat's social control on campus. Since it is evident from the preceding examination of point one that the fraternities have little to do with any of the major social activities at WPI, we must conclude that point three is also absurd.

Mr. Ditmore, before I continue I would like to give you some advice concerning the writing of an article. So far every idea you have expressed cannot be supported with facts. Sharing your views with the WPI community is fine as long as you substantiate your claims with specific examples. You have, however, written an essay based exclusively on gut feeling which is not good. Perhaps you picked up this approach to writing in North Ontario or something.

Point four is interesting. You claim that fraternities enforce silence and conformity in adults. Does this come under the heading of social control again or is this different? By enforcing silence and conformity it would appear that you believe a campus issue the fraternities don't want to involve themselves in will not have involvement by anyone since control is effectively exercised overall students. Do you remember last year's attempted underground Spree Day? This little social event had the participation of a modest number of students, both fraternity and non-fraternity. It would appear, Mr. Ditmore, that the frats enforced neither silence nor conformity in this matter since

some students spoke out against the cancellation while others did not care to participate in the protest at all.

And what about the closing of Sigma Phi Epsilon (which you say was rightfully closed). There has been much debate as to whether or this action was just, but the point is that differing opinions exist. Don't you think that if Sigma Phi Epsilon could persuade everyone to think that the action was unjust they would have done so by now? So what happened to this power the frats have in which they are able to enforce conformity? It is probable that powers the frats may come to possess would be used for campus-wide generation of ill feelings toward you for making such unfounded and malicious accusations. This brings us to point five.

Why are you saying these things? You claim that you escape brainwashing by the fraternities and discovered social independence by going to North Ontario. What's up there? You claim that the distance divorced you enough from the social environment of WPI so that your mind was purged of all fraternity mind control. I'm no expert, Mr. Ditmore, but it sounds like you had a nice holiday in Canada, saw a few sites, came back to WPI, rediscovered the grind of working 15 hours a day and decided that all of the evils associated with academic pressure could be linked to fraternity mind-control.

Blaming one social element of this school for all of the problems associated with attending a fast-paced engineering college is not a solution. It would be just as easy to accuse the mailroom staff of controlling all

social activities on campus. Think about this, Mr. Ditmore. If they chose not to stuff a student's box with the valuable flyer indicating where and when a social event was taking place, that student would undeniably be excluded from certain activities. It would appear, Mr. Ditmore, that the Canadian trip is not what has given you social immunity; rather, the failing of the mailroom staff to locate your mailbox may be responsible. The absurdity of this idea is the same kind of absurdity you declare when you suggest that the fraternities exhibit control. Both my idea and yours are ill contrived, easily-suggested and based on nothing but a twisted perception. Mr. Ditmore, I do not belong to a fraternity. I never wanted to but I still enjoy taking part in their social events. I'm indifferent to the Greek system. I feel no social pressure, I wear shoes with Bermuda shorts and dock siders with suits and still feel tremendous academic pressure. If the frats haven't got control of me yet then I'm sure there are others on this campus who are also free of their social control.

Mr. Ditmore, part of the college experience is the meeting of people and the exchanging of ideas on both the academic and social levels. Without the social interaction, the academics become stale and unbearable. The fraternities at WPI, through their limited social activities, therefore offer you and everyone else an enhancement to this expensive education. It is therefore apparent, Mr. Ditmore, that you are not getting your money's worth at WPI.

Alan Weinberg ('86)

COMMENTARY

Cynic's Corner BOLD Changes

by Andy Ferreira
Newspeak Staff

Sometimes it never ceases to amaze me how a person may change over the course of a term. I remember way back at the end of August (which seems to have been a number of years ago) when I was so full of vigor and the desire to learn. Now my vigor has turned into rigor — mortis, that is — and the desire to learn has degenerated to a desire to sleep. A-term is always disillusioning.

Quite clearly I can remember my freshman-year A-term. That was a time when I was an industrious student. There was a time when I was actually working ahead of the professor. That might not sound like a lot, but this was in a humanities course. I can remember a number of Friday and Saturday nights when I would do calculus. I don't mean to imply that I remember the calculus, just that I did it at one time in my life.

Undoubtedly I can remember my sophomore A-term. My greatest fear coming back to WPI that year was who would I sit with in Daka. That was also about the time that I faced reality and stopped looking

in my mailbox on Saturdays.

I am afraid that I shall remember this Junior A-term too accurately. I started off this term with two goals. They were straightforward and just mildly outrageous, so I had a slim chance of making them both. I promised not to pull any all-nighters ever again in this life or in any other I might live and to simply get 12 AD's this year.

Right at the beginning I didn't think that either of those goals were too difficult by themselves, but I discovered that the two of them are mutually exclusive. You cannot do one and expect to achieve the other. So I suppose the best thing would be to choose one of the two and live by that one.

Right or wrong, I hope I ended up doing the NEXT best thing: I blew them both off. So now I am a man without goals and I think I am going to stay that way. I see now that goals, like rules, records, and some people's faces, were meant to be broken.

Even now I wonder how AC's and NR's evolve. I like to believe that at the beginning of any term, everyone has three AD's and

depending upon the student and teacher involved, each AD can degenerate into an AC and mutate into an NR.

Looking back at freshman year I now realize I attended every class. I actually ran to class if I was late. If I had an 8:00 a.m. class, I would be up at 6:50 a.m. Then one fateful day in the beginning of term B83, I woke up tired. I didn't make it to Daka that morning and I was three minutes late for class. Within a week I wasn't even thinking about Daka.

Soon I noticed that I equated being late with class with missing class. I hypothesized that professors say all the important things within the first three minutes of class and students remain for the next 47 minutes as a token of appreciation for the sharing of knowledge. So if I miss the first three minutes, I've just blown the whole hour.

Right from the beginning I believed that classes were essential to the existence of man on this earth. For the longest time I had some inborn fear about missing a class. I was very surprised the first time I blew off a class that

the earth did not shake and the waters did not rise. It seemed that the only one who noticed I missed the class was me.

Ultimately the other extreme is possible where everybody notices when you MAKE it to a class. That's not good psyche. It's really bad when you don't go to class for a while and you forget where it is. I did that once last year. As a matter of fact, I missed class SO often that I forgot to get a grade. Oh well.

Lastly, keep in mind that I am in no way condoning absence from class — oh no. You should attend once in a while, just so you remember what your professor looks like and when the tests are. And if you should miss lots of classes and end up NOT getting a tuition bill for next semester, remember: I didn't tell you a thing.

[Editors Note: Andy has promised not to mention squirrels in his articles any more. We feel, he has beaten the subject to death and there is no new or interesting way left for him to include the furry little creatures in his column.]

My View From Morgan Fourth This Is Not A Test . . .

by Joshua Smith
Newspeak Staff

"THIS IS NOT A TEST! THIS IS AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY! Good morning, this is your friendly National Weather Service office. Your home is about to be torn to bits by 125 mile per hour winds. Have a nice day."

As I write this article, it is Friday, September 27. I woke up this morning, and as I shuffled down the hall toward the shower, I heard something like the opening quote. I dismissed it as mass hysteria and took my shower. As I went on with my morning, the hysteria worsened.

The weather was wet and gloomy, but I've become accustomed to that here. Then, strangely enough, as I was sitting in a near-empty room, dolefully executing my work-study contract, someone interesting actually came in. It was Owen Kennedy (the Dean of Academic Computing), and it was his job to make sure we had evacuated the computer lab by 10:00 a.m. It seemed the school was going to shut down. What excitement!

As I came back to Morgan Hall, some-

what relieved that I have 10:00 Calculus instead of 9:00, I saw the first asterisk (*). The closer ground zero came, the more of these little masking tape monsters I saw. At first it was just on windows, then doors, then people! I have never seen so much masking tape in my life. Gloria must have been heaven for adhesive producers.

Admittedly, we Michiganders (people from Michigan) rarely get a chance to experience a hurricane (we have no nearby ocean), but I think the WPI population was out of control. I'm no engineer, but it seems to me that three pieces of masking tape couldn't possibly keep a window from blowing in under extreme circumstances. When people finished taping their windows, they started performing "last supper" rituals. They figured, "If we're all going to die, we might as well die drunk." Any excuse to party, I suppose.

In Michigan, we have morning dew that is rougher than the hurricane weather here. Now don't be offended, I believe that prevention is the best medicine, but it seems

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Tables to Turn on Female/Male Ratio (WPI females will face rude awakening)

by Jim Goodell
News Editor

While doing research for my MG 2300 (Organizational Science) class, I came across some interesting statistics about the "real" world as opposed to microcosm we call WPI. An article titled "Where Are All The Men for Women Like Us?" by Rochelle Distallheim in the November 1983 issue of *Working Women* really caught me off guard. The following excerpt should give you an idea why.

"The men I know are like children in a candy store," says Karen Swensen, 28, an interior designer. "There are so many women to choose from, they don't have to call on Monday for Saturday night. They have lists of names and numbers, and if one woman is busy, they go on to the next one. There is always someone who is available."

The fact is that the 6:1 male/female ratio here at WPI is reversed in the "real world" to about 3:2 in the opposite direction

(according to the 1980 census). You might say, "Well at least women out there don't have it as bad as men in here," but there's more. Other factors add to the problems that women are having in starting good relationships.

The cultural change that has taken place in the past twenty or so years and subsequently the radical redefinition of male and female roles in society has had quite an impact on heterosexual relationships and may have affected all sexual relationships. The bottom line is that women have changed the rules of the game and many men aren't willing to play by these new rules.

Robert E. Gould, MD, a psychiatrist, puts it bluntly: "There's a sad but simple reason why they [men] seem so scarce: Most men don't like women." (*Working Women*, April 1985) (I can think of at least one exception to that rule.) Women's fight for equality has caused a power struggle which has turned

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Comedy Comes to the Goat's Head

By J.S. Goldmeer
Newspeak Staff

What do the phrases "to beat or not to beat?", and "are you afraid of being raped?" have in common? No, not Worcester State's seminar on rape, but SocComm's first Comedy Coffeehouse of the year. This event which was held in the Goat's Head attracted less than a capacity crowd. The evenings performers were Scott Bruce and a guy named Wally were as billed, Boston's best comedians. Each did a solo performance, and the finale of the night was a series of improvisations performed by both.

Wally began his act with the statement, "So I'm the only chip in the cookie." His reference to being black at the predominantly white WPI campus. His act encompassed many themes, but the audience especially enjoyed his impressions of Eddie Murphy, Mr. T, Stevie Wonder, and Buckwheat. He added these to his act, he said, because of popular demand by his audiences. He then talked about the social/sexual behavior of men in dance clubs. He explained that there is always at least one group of guys in a corner who are making faces at and comments about women. He then told the audience about an experience of his own, which did not turn out as he had hoped.

Much of Mr. Bruce's routine was directed towards the ratio between men and women. He asked the four women in the audience if they felt safe being constantly surrounded by men. Being blunt he said, "Are you afraid of being raped?" The answer was no. (This question was not crude as one might expect,

but was done tastefully with humor.) He then sympathized with women, saying that he recognizes the fact that women have it rougher than men. He said "men can shave on the way to work, but have you ever seen a woman shaving her legs while driving to work?"

On this same subject he noted that if there are so many men, and so few women, that it must be rough on the men. To this effect he paraphrased Shakespearean, saying "To beat or not to beat, that is the question."

But the high point of his act was when he borrowed a camera from a Newspeak photographer and proceeded to take one picture of the photographer, and one down his pants.

The final minutes of the show were devoted to improvisations, in which the comics moved about and stopped when told to freeze by the audience. They then created a sketches from these positions. They started out with a sketch between an oak tree and a dog. There were also scenes about a human looking manikin which could balance on one leg, and a woman giving birth to her child like a football (hike). These improvisations were funny and provocative, as the audience had them freeze in obscene positions.

It was a hilarious evening, with the crowd enjoying the evenings comedy. To some the material presented may seem insipid, but in fact, it was done without treading over the thin line between crudeness and good humor. This is what made their acts, and will bring success in the future to Wally and Scott Bruce.

Poison Pen

On My Own Shortcomings at 8:00 a.m.

by Jodi Bobbitt
Newspeak Staff

Here I sit — Unenthused
Half awake and half-amused
The lecture drifts right past my ears
Right past my mind, likewise my peers
It's Friday morning, humid, hot
The class — a tired and quiet lot —
Sits attending every word
They've (between their napping) heard
Vision's blurry, thoughts unclear
As if recalling why I'm here

I'm feeling dazed, I have a cold
A sheep within a sleepy fold
I struggle bravely to absorb
The blackboard through each sleepy orb
To focus clearly on the lecture
But my notes are sheer conjecture.
It's not the fault of Professor X
Who may not get what he expects
He gives his all to teach us this
But ignorance (yawn) may well be bliss.

Sweet and Sour

Local Bands: Adventure Set
and Down Avenue

by Chris Sweet
Newspeak Staff

The scene: The finals of the WBCN Rock and Roll Rumble. The bands: Adventure Set and Down Avenue, possibly the next Boston bands to follow in 'Til Tuesday's footsteps. They had eliminated great Boston bands like New Man, Chain Link Fence, and Scruffy The Cat to get the limelight.

The Rock-and-Roll Rumble has become one of the major annual rock-and-roll events in the country. Just getting to the finals

almost assures a band of landing a record contract. Look at the history: The Del Fuegos were runners-up a few years ago. They have since received critical raves all across the country and have just released a second album, Boston, Mass: Face To Face won a few years back and they too will be releasing a second album soon. The most famous band ever to come out of the Rumble is 'Til Tuesday. They have been selling out concerts all over the country, riding on the waves of their top-five single, "Voices Carry."

Down Avenue won the Rumble this year defeating Adventure Set in the final round. The decision was a close one. The bands are very similar. They both play very modern dance/funk. Adventure Set's music was more refined and less pop than Down Avenue's but Down Avenue put on a better stage show with a very active vocalist and band.

Down Avenue also plays a funky style of dance music but some of the songs are more of a pop nature than Adventure Set's. Their most popular song to date is "Girlfriend," in which the lead singer Charles Pettigrew warns, "If I ever catch you talking to my girlfriend, you're going to have to talk to me."

Down Avenue boasts two former members of the November Group, Boston's most synthesizer-oriented band. Listening to Down Avenue's music you would never know it. Synthesizers are used sparingly if at all. Most songs rely on guitars, sometimes heavily, in songs such as "Curve Of Time." Some of Down Avenue's music, however, is trite. "Time To Believe" is so stale that it trips over itself.

Like Adventure Set, Down Avenue puts on a great live show. Every once in a while you can catch them at the Metro. Also expect a Down Avenue six-song E.P. in the stores this fall.

Adventure Set's only current vinyl release is a four-song self-titled E.P. Adventure Set put the record out themselves, which may be one of the reasons why it is in short supply in local record stores. The E.P. starts off with "Blue Is For Boys," a song that has been getting considerable airplay on WBCN and some of the more progressive stations. Although it is not my favorite Adventure Set song I feel that it is their strongest. The track is about a guy who is very bold about his love. It continues with "The Great White Way" a song that starts off slow and repetitive but works its way up to a mesmerizing end. The second side contains "Under Suspicion," my personal favorite. And the E.P. closes out with another slow song, "Light-house." To hear the rest of Adventure Set's music you must see them in concert. Among the many songs they play are "Rumor" and "Angels," usually their closing song.

There is really nothing bad I can say about Adventure Set. Even my roommate, who usually doesn't like this type of music, said they were good. Definitely listen to their E.P. and check them out when they play the Metro sometime.

You will be hearing more from these two bands.

Tidbits:

There is a 50% chance that Bruce Springsteen will decide to release a double live album from his *Born In The U.S.A.* tour . . . The Talking Heads, who released *Little Creatures* in June, may break their usual habit of two to three years between studio albums with a release as early as December . . . Bands releasing albums this month: The Cure, Rush, and Ministry.



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Student Government News

Freshman Elections:

The long-awaited elections for freshman class officers will be held on Thursday, October 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. outside of the Bookstore. Below are listed the candidates for the five positions.

President:

Glenn Butler
David Havican
Christopher Page

Vice-President:

Brian Freeman
Danielle LaMarre

Secretary:

Kathy Reardon
Treasurer:
Alison Gotkin
Christopher Sweet

Representative:

Douglas Corr
Peter Mullen
Todd Sutherland

Vice President/Student Open Forums:

The second of three Vice President for Student Affairs candidates will be meeting with campus constituencies this Thursday and Friday. Bernard Brown, current Dean of Students at WPI and candidate for the V.P. position, will be attending an open forum for students at 4:30 p.m. this Thursday, October 3, in Kinnicut Hall.

As with the first open forum with Arnold J. Tilden, students are invited to meet and

ask questions of the candidate. Feedback from each of the forums should be sent to one of the Student Search Committee members — Margaret Fallon, Elizabeth Mendez, Mike Kelly, or Joe Gammal.

Another open student meeting with the final candidate will be held on Wednesday, October 9, at the same time and location.

Residence Hall Council Issue:

While petitions for the Hall Council chairperson positions are not due until October 1, problems are already coming to the attention of Tom Raimondo, Hall Council Executive Board chairperson. Specific issues being dealt with at this time include: failure of the WPI administration to adequately prepare and advise students about hurricane Gloria before it hit on Friday, September 27, parking provisions at Founders Hall and possible violations by WPI in the distribution policy regarding existing spaces; construction of a ramp or steps over the wall along Boynton Street near Founders Hall in order to aid traffic over the wall from Founders Hall; damage deposit losses on Ellsworth/Fuller apartments not being used to repair the damage; and parking sticker deposits. Any other issues or petitions to join the Hall Council should be addressed to Tom Raimondo (Box 1770) before October 1. After A-term, issues should be addressed to respective floor representatives.

Culturally Inclined

Humanities Lecture Series

On Monday, October 7, at 4:00 p.m. in Kinnicut Hall, David Sloane, Professor of English at the University of New Haven, will be the first speaker in this year's Humanities Lecture Series on "Science, Technology, and Human Values." His topic will be "A Kiss Across the Universe": Mark Twain and Nineteenth-Century Technology."

Elm Park Tour

On Sunday, October 6, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. there will be a tour of Elm Park to highlight the park's history and vegetation. The tour will begin at the Rogers Kennedy Memorial located at the corner of Highland Street and Park Avenue. The tour is free, but preregistration (by calling 799-1190) is requested.

How to treat trees for a century of survival will be one of the topics discussed by Paul Rogers, city horticulturalist and designer of a comprehensive tree-restoration program for Elm Park. Joining Rogers to lead the tour will be Thomas W. Taylor, Commissioner of the Parks Department and Jeff Fasser, Project Manager for the State's Olmsted Historic Landscape Preservation Program. Taylor and Fasser will discuss the history of Elm Park, which is believed to be the first municipal purchase of land for park purposes and a fine example of the tireless genius of Frederick Law Olmsted.

Greek Corner

Alpha Gamma Delta

Great job on the P.J. party Bridget, Julie and committee. Also, thanks to the rushees who attended. The weather wasn't too great, but we had fun in spite of it.

AGD would like to thank Professor Wimmergren, from the WPI Management Department, from his talk on budgeting and personal finance. It was very interesting and informative. We'll remember him when we become millionaires.

Let's all get psyched for this weekend. Saturday is apple picking. Meet in the Wedge at 10:00 a.m. Sunday is the Harvestfest dinner at Theta Chi. Be at Theta Chi at 3:30 p.m. Rush is going by fast so let's stay psyched and let's keep rushing!

Delta Phi Epsilon

Thanks to all of the freshmen who came to the Pub on Monday night for Strip-wiches. We hope you had as much fun as we did! If you enjoyed that, make sure you come to Theta Chi for pizza Thursday night! A special thanks to Duke and Grumpy - nice act, guys! Homecoming was fun - it was great seeing all our alumni again! Let's get serious about Rush. It's almost over! Rush those freshmen!!!

Phi Gamma Delta

This week ended on a few sad notes for Phi Gams. First, Stu Kibbee saw two weeks of hard work on our Homecoming float go down the tubes as hurricane Gloria sent it flying against the Kaven wall. We would also like to apologize to our alumni for the condition of our house as hurricane Gloria smashed our porch, and hurricane Jay smashed our living room.

Antebellum and Civil War Lives

The American Antiquarian Society and the Massachusetts Foundation for Humanities and Public Policy present a series of public lectures by distinguished biographers, who will illuminate the lives of some representative nineteenth-century Americans and will convey something of the craft of biography.

Tuesday, October 8, at 8:00 p.m.

Nathaniel

by James R. Mellow, of Clinton, Connecticut, author of *Nathaniel Hawthorne in his Times* (1980)

Hawthorne

Summer's World Center

The public is cordially invited to attend a reception for the finalists in the Summer's World Center for the Arts first-round competition of Museum Without Walls. The finalists are Bryan Davagiam, Nanette Hass Feldman and David Moore.

The reception will be held Friday, October 11, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Summer's World Center for the Arts, 70 Piedmont Street, Worcester. The show will be on view through October 18. Gallery hours Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and admission is free.

Congratulations to Shawn Bernard on doing what no man has ever done before, and what no man would ever want to do. Shawn is a special human being.

As for our Alumni: Franz Roener opened a new wrestling camp in Atlanta; Jeff Horowitz is crashing parties in California; Dave Sheehan is going crazy over the cowboys in Dallas; Gary Iannone opened a health spa in Connecticut, and Joe Crispo; thanks to Bill Trask, has finally turned in his hammer and nails and started interviewing.

John L.A.V. Hart would like to thank Jim Dunn for his fine but fruitless efforts this past week. John, the son of Senator Gary Hart, has expressed no interest in politics, but says the priesthood might be for him.

The entire city of Worcester thanks Tom Kubacki for his fine efforts in directing traffic outside of Fiji during the big storm. Thanks Tom, you're no fool.

Congratulations are in order for two brothers this week: first, Don Petry for his new position as house manager, and second, Steve Swetz for pinning 'chubs' at Homecoming. Who will be the next brother to fall?

A reminder to freshmen about Tuesday night-movies. *Dirty Harry* and *Psycho II* are tonight's flicks.

Thanks to all the brothers who spent time Monday morning waiting for Homecoming tickets. Everyone had a great time and appreciates your effort.

Phi Sigma Sigma

The sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma would like to thank all the sophomores and freshmen who attended our festive pizza party at Theta

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APO Holds Servant Auction

by Rich Blanchette

Alpha Phi Omega, the national service fraternity, held its second annual servant auction September 24 in the lower wedge. Overall, the auction was again a huge success, raising over five hundred dollars for Daybreak, Inc., a Worcester area shelter for battered women.

Twenty-six students volunteered their time and efforts as servants, and were auctioned

off for a wide variety of prices. Servants were asked to do everything from cleaning and dusting messy rooms to fixing cars. All masterly orders were given in good fun, and the contract signed by both the servant and the master ensured that good judgment would be used. All in all, the auction was enjoyed by all. Alpha Phi Omega wishes to thank all those servants that dedicated their time and efforts for this worthy cause. Special thanks also goes to Terry Pellerim, the auctioneer who once again made this event a success and ensured that it will remain one of the major (and hopefully most profitable) projects for Alpha Phi Omega in the future. Keep your eyes open for the next servant auction either in the spring or again next fall.



Servant-to-be Jim Goodell on the auction block. (Photo by Glenn Butler)

Club Corner

Eta Kappa Nu

The members of Eta Kappa Nu would like to congratulate Paul Sanneman ('86) on his selection as a finalist in the competition for the Outstanding Junior Electrical Engineering Student in the United States. Each chapter throughout the country nominated one member during the spring. Last week, Paul, the candidate from WPI's Gamma Delta Chapter, was notified of his advancement to a finalist position.

Men's Chorus

October 6 — Recording Holy Cross Chapel, 5:00 - 9:30
October 13 — Trinity Lutheran Church morning service
November 9 - 10 — At Wells College — The Choral Union
November 17 — Wellesley College
December 7 — College of New Rochelle — Overnight
December 8 — New York City
December 15 — Vespers, WPI — The Choral Union
February 15 — American Choral Directory Association
Convention Concert, Boston
February 21 - 22 — At Union College — The Choral Union
February 23 — At WPI — The Choral Union
April 4 - 6 — Tour to Montreal — The Choral Union
April 19 - 20 — Wheaton College
May 4 — Alumni Concert



Butlerish servant James Goodell, Esq., presents one of his co-masters, Jack Spadaro, with a refreshment on the football field Saturday. (Photo by Goodell's other co-master, Jeff Winick)

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LETTERS FROM FRESHMAN OFFICER CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT

Dear fellow classmates,

I believe that the primary function of the freshman class is the planning, coordination, and execution of lucrative fund raising events. Fund raising should not only increase (or perhaps open, in our case) the class treasury, but should also provide classmates with the opportunity to become closer to one another. This closeness will, in turn, help our class become strongly unified *before* our senior year.

While many candidates have many great ideas, no single person, or even group of people can come up with all of them. That is why there should be a student government in which *any* classmate, with any idea or preference, could discuss it openly with one of the officers. In this way, class sponsored events

wouldn't just reflect the ideas of one group of people, but reflect the ideas of the whole class.

According to the September 29 issue of *Newspeak*, our class is academically superior to any class yet, and while this guarantees nothing, it shows we have at least as much potential to be successful as any other class. As a class president in high school, I experienced the "ups and downs" of the position, and I am willing to put the time and effort into the job. If you like my ideas, or would like to see some of your own 'put in to action,' your support at the election would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Glenn Butler

Fellow freshmen:

Like all of you, I made a major decision in my life when I decided to attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute. That decision was only the first of many more which we will have to make in the coming four years. I am sure we now realize that we made the first decision correctly. Now we are faced with another. Who will we choose to be president of our class? I believe that I am the answer to this question.

I believe that I have all the qualities which a good president needs, and anyone who knows me well can attest to that fact. A president of any organization needs to

possess leadership qualities. This, along with responsibility and honesty, is the most important quality needed to be a good president. I have shown these qualities in the past and plan to maintain my high standards. I was the winner of the *Century III Leadership Award* and was also elected to class office all four years in high school. In addition, I have held office in all the clubs in which I have participated.

If you have made it this far through this letter you should congratulate yourself. This is the most boring letter I have ever written.

Sincerely,
Christopher R. Page

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

Freshmen:

Don't forget to vote at the student body elections on Thursday, October 3. Look for my name on the ballot, Peter Mullen. I'm a candidate for the office of Class Representative to the Executive Council. I plan to represent our freshmen class in everyone's best interests. My actions will coincide with the opinions, comments, and voicings of each student in the class. With good

representation, the freshmen class can be involved in important decisions that directly affect everyone. And with enough support, changes and improvements can also be made to benefit all involved. I feel each class needs a person who can voice the concerns of the students; therefore, making the class an active part of the school and its actions affect everyone.

Peter Mullen

TREASURER

Dear Members of the Class of 1989:

I am writing this letter concerning the freshman elections for class officers. I am Alison Gotkin and I am running for the class officer of treasurer. I will begin by telling you something about myself. I am originally from Coventry, CT, but here I reside at Riley 217. I am an EE major planning to specifically narrow my field to computer engineering. I am involved at WPI in intramural volleyball, wind ensemble, aerobics and I plan to join a sorority. I also enjoy running, tennis, and soccer.

The reason why I truthfully would like to become class treasurer is because I want to become more involved with WPI life. I feel it is important for us to pull together and work as unified group. Right now is the best time to start planning our future together. I feel I have the stamina and interest to obtain whatever we may endeavor.

I have had much experience in government

tal positions. I have been involved in student council throughout high school holding offices of committee chairman and parliamentarian. I also was in the National Honor Society for three years holding offices of treasurer for fundraisers and parliamentarian. I also provided my leadership skills on the soccer field as co-captain. I have always enjoyed organizing dances and other activities. These functions not only attracted many people, but raised a great deal of money. This money I carefully invested in a way that was most beneficial.

I feel that I am well qualified for this position as class treasurer. I am going to use my experience, along with my spirit to make our class the best ever! Thank you for your time and consideration, and I hope to have your vote on October 3. I you have any questions concerning my position, please contact me at 798-6377 or come and see me at Riley 217.

Thank you,
Alison Gotkin

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

To the Class of '89:

Elections for the class of '89 officers are rapidly approaching. Before you vote I'd like to introduce you to David "D.J." Havican and Danielle LaMarre.

The candidate for the presidency is David Havican. Some of you know him as D.J. the soccer player or D.J. with the loud music from Morgan Third or some of you might not know him at all. In high school D.J. proved his leadership capability as co-chairman of the student body. In addition he was co-founder and treasurer for two years of the Key Club (a national junior division of Kiwanis Clubs). D.J.'s main concerns are for student rights, fellow class members, having fun and maintaining a well-rounded class of '89.

As D.J.'s running mate, Danielle LaMarre is a candidate for the Vice Presidency. Like D.J., Danielle was extremely active in student affairs. She was president of her class for two years, was founder and for three years chairperson of the Massachusetts Youth Leadership Foundation Alumni Association. At WPI Danielle can be seen out on the field hockey field or turning all her clothes blue in the basement of Daniels. Her main concern is keeping D.J. in line and making sure her class is the best one on campus.

The main job of the class officers is to create unity among the class members. The officers have the ability to organize social events including on-campus activities or off-campus trips such as ski road trips or day trips to Boston.

Realizing that miracles can't be done, D.J.

and Danielle will try to relieve the pressures of school by offering a variety of social events. Aside from social life, D.J. and Danielle will be involved in administrative work also. With all the changes occurring at WPI, someone has to look out for the students and D.J. and Danielle are willing to do that.

As for political promises, D.J. and Danielle will make sure that you get mail when you haven't got a letter from anyone in over two weeks. Seriously, they plan to keep the students advised as to what's going on and will send mail frequently updating the class on coming events.

Obviously, everything about D.J. and Danielle can't be told in a single article. If you have any questions or just want to talk, you can reach D.J. either at Box 1682 or by calling 792-3580. Danielle can be reached at Box 1048 or at 792-9051. They will be glad to talk anytime.

As John F. Kennedy once said, "Some men see things as they are and ask 'Why?' I see things as they aren't and ask 'Why not?'"

Danielle is one of those people who often asks "why not" rather than "why."

Someone said "The man who dies with the most toys wins." D.J. replies: "That about says it all."

Sincerely,
A Concerned Student

[Editors' Note: Mr. Havican and Ms. LaMarre submitted their letter of candidacy in a third-person format. Nonetheless, the letter was written by them.]

VICE-PRESIDENT

To The Class of '89:

Let me first formally, and hastily discard those obvious political cliches that accompany all campaigns. Of course, if elected, I will be honest, industrious, loyal to the class, and always available for input, ideas, wild parties with airline stewardesses, ect. A candidate shouldn't have to confirm these traits since they are already required for whatever position he/she is trying to fill. If someone was elected to an office and was dishonest, slothful and liked to fool around with Kalahari bushmen, the job would not be executed, which in turn would reflect on his/her constituents. Any candidate can relay political cliches; but, it is his/her nature that will determine policy and action.

Personal background could be used to determine a person's nature, though, it hardly justifies it. A rose can grow as easily from a cesspool as a weed can from a garden. As for me, I am an AFROTC scholarship winner, a prospective EE major, a registered Republican, and a self proclaimed existen-

tialist, although not necessarily in that order. I'm from East Podunk, USA (commonly referred to as Alfred, NY), and I like cult movies, Peter Gabriel, and have had no relationships with bushmen.

As for personal pledges, I have none. I like being creative going out on to limbs with new and original ideas. By not making iron-clad promises, I can give myself (pardon the cliché) room to maneuver. If something doesn't work, the damage will be minimal; but, if something succeeds, we have the pleasure of doing something original and different. If, however, I were to give a promise, I would be honor-bound to fulfill it at the risk of disappointing myself.

Upon closing, I would like to write that if I do not sound entirely serious about my desire to be this year's freshmen class's vice president, please consider this: As long as the end result is sober and purposeful, why can't we not have a good time achieving it? Vale.

Brian Freeman

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SECRETARY

To the Members of the Class of 1989:

Fellow classmates, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Kathy Reardon and I am a candidate for the office of secretary for our class. I come from East Bridgewater, MA and I am planning to major in management engineering here at WPI.

I believe that one benefit most from college life by becoming involved in campus activities. Student Government is just one such activity which I feel is important to take part in. I feel that I am qualified to hold the office of secretary of our class because I have held several secretarial positions at my high school. I served as secretary of my class for two years, secretary of the Student Council for three years and also Secretary of Key Club (a community service group) for three years. Each of these positions has given me the experience I feel is needed to be secretary of a college class.

In addition to having experience as a secretary of a club or class, I feel that I am qualified for the position of secretary because I am responsible person who likes organized. I like to work together along with other officers to produce effective leadership for our class. As a secretary of our class I will be dedicated to working to unify our class so that our future years at WPI are ones that we can look forward to with great enthusiasm.

I thank you for your time and ask you to consider me for the position of secretary when you vote on October 3. If you have any further questions regarding my qualifications for secretary or about my goals as secretary of our class, please feel free to write me at Box 392 or come by and see me at Riley 216. Thank you again.

Sincerely Yours,
Kathy Reardon

SPORTS



Tailback Dave Coakley (#31) drives forward despite the efforts of a Tufts defender in Saturday's Homecoming game. (Photo by Jeff Winick)

Engineers Play Good Half of Football To Defeat Tufts 21-13

by Steve Graveline
Sports Editor

In front of an enthusiastic homecoming crowd, the WPI football team retied their shoes at halftime and put together a strong second half performance to defeat Tufts University 21-13.

In the first half, the homecoming crowd seemed a little bored and disgusted with the performance they were seeing, and I can't say I blame them. Bob Weiss, and his engineers put together the worst half of football any of us have seen at WPI. The only credit I can give to the engineers was in only being down thirteen zip at the half. In the first half WPI was plagued with fumbles, interceptions and of course, like the previous two games, penalties. The fumbles and interceptions are excusable, they happen to even the best teams. The poor execution is not so excusable, but that just usually takes a good, hard swift kick by the coaches to get the players attention on the game and off the alumni, but the offside penalties have no excuse. For the third game in a row the offense made mistakes that are supposed to go away after the first half of the first game. Last week, WPI had many drives stalled because of offside penalties and one of those drives may have made the difference between a win and a loss. This week similar mistakes almost caused a first half rout. Next week, WPI plays a powerful Union college Football team, and similar mistakes could prove deadly.

But that's enough on the first half, let's just say it was inept. The second half however, was a bit more pleasant for the crowd and for the players. The mistakes started to go away and WPI started to chip away at the 13 point deficit they had recieved from the first half. The offense started to execute, the defense stiffed up a little and WPI proceeded to stuff the ball down Tufts' throats.

WPI's first touch down came in the third quarter and was a one yard plunge by tail back Dana Sousa. Mango's kick was good and the score was now 13-7 Tufts. WPI had now just about completely shut down the Tufts team and it seemed just a matter of time before they would score again. Eventually that's exactly what happened as Dana Sousa scored again from one yard out. The extra point was good and the score was now 14-13 WPI.

The last touch down came shortly afterwards on a nice pass from Farland to Chris Cahill. The extra point was again good giving the final score of 21-13 WPI.

As for next week, WPI will have to perform a little bit better if they wish to beat Union college. They will again be without starting tailback John Wholey who tore some ligaments in his knee and will miss next weeks game and probably a lot more. Dan Coakley did a nice job last week and this week at Tailback and will become WPI's number one ball carrier. Everyone else is healthy and next week should be an excellent test for the Engineers.



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SPORTS

WPI Runs Away With City Meet Title

by Scott G. Hanna

For the second year in a row, the WPI cross-country team captured the city championship held at Alden Research Laboratories.

WPI finished with 31 points, followed by Holy Cross (44), Clark (64), Worcester State (106), and Anna Maria (134). The winning time, however, was recorded by Alex Indorf of Clark with a time of 30:13. Rounding out the top five place-winners were Brian Laprise (WPI), Art Resca (WPI), O'Brian (Holy Cross), and McAuliff (Worcester State).

WPI has put together a team consisting of young runners this year. Resca has emerged as one of the strongest runners on the team; his third-place time represented the fastest run by a WPI cross-country freshman to date. Coach Norcross says he sees Resca as a great asset to the team for years to come.

Norcross was also pleased with Pothier's efforts Saturday. Pothier, also a freshman, had not competed until the city meet because of illness, but his performance shows greatly potential, says Norcross. The veterans of the team (Roblee, Hees, Lancot, Cunn-

ingham, Stockdale, and Crowley) ran consistently well. Lancot has been sick for most of the season, but he seems to be shaking it off and will be a big factor against Holy Cross next week.

Brain Laprise had no regrets concerning his close loss to Indorf of Clark.

"Considering that the Clark runner won the 5,000-meter run at the New England last year, I expected him to run as well as he did. I stayed with him until there were 1500 meters left; he pulled away and I couldn't stay with him," said Laprise.

Asked about WPI's chances against the Holy Cross varsity team next week, Laprise seemed optimistic.

"Our team looks like it can be really tough to beat, but many of our runners have not reached their potential yet," he said. "If we come together like we did against MIT last year in tack, I think we have a good chance of winning."

Indeed, if everyone runs well next week, WPI will come away with their most cherished victory of the season.

WPI Soccer Team Loses Tough Game to Trinity



Alden Whitney escapes the competition. (Photo by Lisa Alpers)

Tech Field Hockeyers Lose to Conn. College

by Smyth Turner
Newspeak staff

They knew it was going to be a tough game. Connecticut College is said to have one of the best field hockey teams in the division but the Tech women felt they could meet the challenge.

At the end of the second half, thanks to two goals from Kathy Coggins and one by

Bridget Moriarty, WPI was ahead 3-2. With 20 seconds left, Connecticut slipped one in to tie it up.

The game was fast but the ten minutes of overtime made it slow by comparison. The Tech women played hard but they couldn't seem to get the momentum back. The Connecticut women pumped in two more in the 10 minutes of overtime to win 5-3.

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by Peter Yap
Newspeak Staff

WPI lost a tough match to Trinity, 1-0. Both teams fought hard until the final whistle sealed the victory for Trinity and evened WPI's record at 2-2.

WPI came into their game ready to bounce back from their loss to MIT. That would not be so against a Trinity team that would frustrate WPI. Trinity's defense fought to keep WPI from entering their end of the field. WPI did get its chances, but many of them resulted out of the goal. Each time the Trinity defense stopped WPI, it added to WPI's frustration.

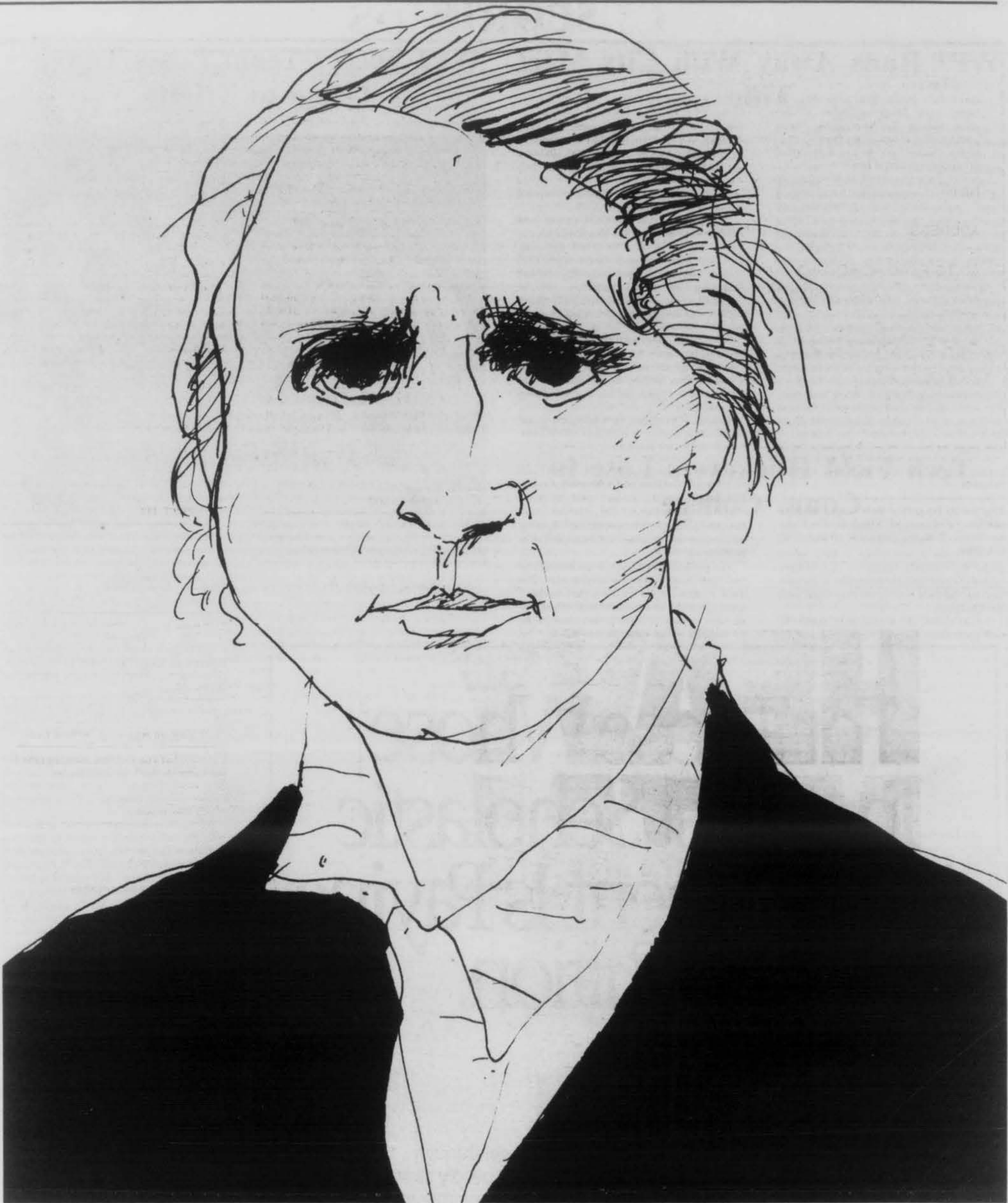
WPI's defense fought equally as hard as Trinity's, with the streaky Trinity offense getting a few fast breaks, but unable to get a good shot at WPI's goal. The WPI defense would bend each time, but refused to break. But one WPI defensive miscue led to a one-on-one break between WPI's goalie, Steve Ouellette, and Trinity's George Manthous. Manthous won this confrontation by scoring the only goal of the game, with a bouncing shot into the left corner of the goal.

The half break foreshadowed the result as Trinity held a 1-0 advantage. WPI's frustration could easily be seen as WPI's Amilcar Carneiro had some words with the game's referee. As Coach Alan King tried to regroup his frustrated troops, Trinity's Coach Shults had his team flying high as they psyched themselves up for the second half.

WPI started the second half having a hard time getting the ball out of their own end of the field. WPI did streak out and apply the pressure on the Trinity goalie to make two great saves to preserve the Trinity lead. But it helped WPI believe they were still able to win the game. The Trinity offensive attack slowed as they began to play a defensive game. With WPI's offense now on track, they kept the pressure on Trinity's goal. WPI's offense forced the Trinity defense to foul them in the goal box, which produced two penalty kicks. WPI couldn't convert the penalty kicks, though, and Trinity still held a 1-0 lead. With time running out, WPI was able to force one more penalty kick out of Trinity, but the shot flew past the goal post as time ran out. WPI will try to break their two-game losing streak against Assumption this week.

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— MOM

Hey, Deb! Let's sit on it!

A.D. ('88) — McCarthyism, Jonestown, the eastern Communist bloc, and Nazi Germany? . . . Oh stop, I can't read anymore.

— Kendo

I'll get you! Just you "wait". And don't you forget it!

She reconditions cars?

Susan, you make me whet!!

Odds against you? Contact the equalizer . . .

Q: What's the only thing worse than St. Elmo's 24 Hours a day?

A: Trouble in paradise.
— Not too shabby!!!

Traci — Heard you lost it in Boston?

Keep Worcester clean; please deposit any halves of cars in the city dump.

SPAM—
Chutes away!!! Oh, alright, I'll STOP!
Hulk

Monopoly handbook, "How to Lose All Your Money Immediately and Be Eliminated on the First Roll," available. Contact Dave.

"I said 'thin,' not 'small!'"

Hurricane speed winds may take Frisbees, but they don't bother bocce balls.

Attention ME's: Your opinion counts. Please fill out the survey in your mailbox.

Hi Mike — Yes, it's another silent high five!!

Jim—
Nice legs . . . Great shave!!
— Riley 1st

Wayne are you really SPUNKY?
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Newstreak Editors — When you least expect it, EXPECT IT!

There once was a coach named Graves; Who was responsible for twelve little knaves; They ran and they ran and they ran and they ran; And nobody ever behaves

A warning to the class of '89 . . .

Alan is out there somewhere. Pretty frightening. Huh?

Where's the rest of the toilet paper, Andy?

Lordshark.

I don't care about your cows. (#2 is still #1)

I will keep on wagoning, as best I can!

Is it true that you can buy masking tape for \$44 through the US Government? Get the facts now!

Gloria was a wimp, not a washout.

Lisa, was that an ORANGE tag I saw you wearing the other day? You might as well wear Toughskins . . .

Who will sink, who will swim

Woopie Wonder Workers are slower than government workers. Tennis courts by winter, EXCUSE ME!!!!

When is it going to be Geek Weekend?

Where's the rest of the toilet paper, Andy?

Every weekend at WPI is a Geek Weekend

Beward and be aware of the land sharks last seen in the Stoddard vicinity

Desperately seeking new members for the dinner club inquire at DAKA.

Will there ever be a Breakfast Club?

BUY ME! TODAY!

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Chi. Don't forget the mix-match party at Fiji on Tuesday, October 1. Congratulations to Jennie Bell and her committee for the super job they did on the float which won the best theme award. Lise and Annie, how was the mud? It was a pleasure to see all our Alumni this past weekend. We miss you all! You organized all this Cheryl — did you even get a date?

Zeta Psi

We would like to congratulate our upperclass pledges: Bill Supernor and Mike Bush.
Much appreciated thanks to Jim Barnes, Jeff Denker, Christian Gfatter, Alan Godman, Ron Herrera, Dave Selfors, Leo Smith and everyone else involved, for the utterly fantastic renovations of the porch and second-floor hallway. We would also like to thank Dan Flowers and Ron Herrera for supervising the float committee. Tonight we are having a pizza night, featuring Star Trek movies. Get Zeta Psyched this weekend!!!!

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Tuesday, October 1, 1985

- 7:00 p.m. — WPI Field Hockey vs Tufts, Alumni Field
- 7:30 p.m. — Cinematech Film Series: *Amadeus*, Alden Hall, free
- 9:00 p.m. — Coffeehouse, Goat's Head

Wednesday, October 2

- 7:00 p.m. — WPI Soccer vs Assumption, Alumni Field

Thursday, October 3

- 6:00 p.m. — WPI Volleyball vs SMU and Wellesley, Harrington Gym
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. — Student Counseling Center presents Assertiveness Training Seminar, Part III, Student Counseling Center

Friday, October 4

- 8:00-11:00 p.m. — Dance Daze, Alumni Gym, \$2.50

Saturday, October 5

- 9:00 a.m. — WPI Volleyball Invitational, Harrington Gym
- 11:00 a.m. — WPI Field Hockey vs Amherst, Alumni Field
- 1:00 p.m. — WPI Cross Country vs Holy Cross
- 9:00 p.m. — China Doll, Goat's Head, \$.50

Sunday, October 6

- 11:30 a.m. — Sunday Mass, Alden Hall
- 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. — Reel Thing: *Romancing the Stone*, Alden Hall, \$1.00

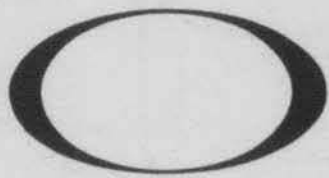
Monday, October 7

- 4:00 p.m. — Science, Technology, and Human Values: A Lecture Series: *A Kiss Across the Universe: Mark Twain and Nineteenth Century Technology*, David Sloane, Kinnicutt Hall
- 8:00 p.m. — Spectrum Fine Arts Series: *Collage—New Music Ensemble*, Alden Hall, free

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funny to me that so many people who live more than an hour from the coast could get so excited about a little storm. Personally, I used the day off to catch up on sleep.



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NPC Goes for Blood at WPI

by Sandy Olson

The National Panhellenic Council, the governing body of WPI's three sororities, will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on October 9 and 10. Our goal this year is to collect 150 units (pints) of blood each day of the drive. In order to achieve this goal, we need the support of the entire student body.

Giving blood is a very easy process which takes only an hour. All you have to do is sign up for an appointment in either the Wedge, from 10:00-12:00, or Salisbury Lounge,

from 9:00-12:00, between October 3 and October 8. At this time, you will be given an appointment card with the time and date that you should report to Alden Hall to donate.

In order to give blood, a donor must weigh over 110 pounds and be 18 years of age. Since Worcester blood supplies are extremely low, it is very important that WPI collect as many units as possible for the Red Cross. The NPC urges every member of the student body who is able to donate to do so and make this Blood Drive the most successful drive yet at WPI.

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love into war, says Gould.

Women on the WPI campus have a good chance of finding one in six men who will play by their rules, but it seems many women at WPI still play by the old rules anyway.

Women have fought long and hard to have control in their lives and relationships. It seems they have achieved this control with the "new rules" (making more decisions in a relationship, taking more responsibility, making the first move, etc.), but at WPI this "control" is understood; women don't have to play this game. They CAN have their cake and eat it too. However, all this is going to change once they get handed that sheepskin on graduation day.

As it says in the *Working Woman* article, "It's much easier to get an MBA than a good relationship," says Jennifer Harris, a 27-year-old account executive in a Chicago advertising agency. "Correction," adds her friend, Lisa Gumman, 29, a sales representative. "Than any relationship."

The fact that most women of WPI will graduate with an engineering degree and probably find a good, high-paying job makes things even worse. (Female engineers tend to get more and better job offers than do their male counterparts.)

"A lot of women may be going to medical

school now, but most men were not raised by mothers who told them to marry doctors — or lawyers, or accountants [or engineers]." (Distelheim, *Working Women*, November 1983)

Another fact is that most men have fragile egos and feel threatened by women in power. And money means power. "... men often equate their money-making ability with a sense of manliness and power." (Gould, *Working Women*, April 1985)

(For the women reading this article, if you haven't already decided to stay in school for the rest of their lives, maybe this one will push you over the edge.)

There is another complication that women unconsciously subject themselves to. They have made new rules, but will not let go of the old ones which are contradictory. With the changed structure of our society, does a professional woman with a comfortable job and salary need an older, more successful, more intelligent, richer, wittier, wiser man? Yet, women still choose power over compassion.

Both men and women will find that in the "real world", the romance game isn't what it use to be, nor is it like the game we play at WPI. For women engineers, it may be the loneliest game they've ever played.



Morgan Hall window taped for hurricane and homecoming.
(Photo by Chris Pater)



One of the over 450 trees felled in the wake of Gloria blocks Trowbridge Street.
(Photo by Jeff Winick)